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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, May 20, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	07/15/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rochelle Mason, Professional Member, Presiding
Mark Farley, DSCYF
Dr. Fran Franklin, Professional Member (10:48 a.m. – 11:37 a.m.)
Ron Hosterman, Department of Correction
John Shuford, NASW

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pat Bailey, AFSCME Council 81
Sandra Bisgood, Public Member
Amy Bonner, Office of Management and Budget
Kerry Ferriter, Office of the Public Defender
Ray Fitzgerald, Department of Health and Social Services
Yen-Anh Gibson, Public Member
Amber Hall, Office of Management and Budget
Vicky Kelly, Division of Family Services
Dr. Marlene Saunders, Delaware State University
Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member
Kyla Teed, Public Member
Philip Thompson, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Allison, Office of Management and Budget
Jennifer Biddle, Office of Management and Budget
Zaira Davis, NASW
Wanda Pfieffer, Office of Management and Budget

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Legislative Committee reviewed the April 15, 2013, minutes for approval. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Farley, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continued Discussion Regarding Proposed Statutory Revisions

Ms. Pfeiffer addressed the Committee on behalf of Amy Bonner requesting the definition of social work in order for the Office of Management and Budget to begin reviewing job duties for current employees. The Committee was advised that the draft definitions came from the ASWB's Model Practice Act.

Ms. Williams circulated language from Minnesota regarding exemptions and grandfathering provisions for the Committee to review.

Ms. Kelly advised the Committee that a draft bill is needed by November for the next legislative session. Ms. Kelly and Ms. Mason briefed the Committee regarding the Board's discussion regarding direct compensation and grandfathering provisions.

Mr. Shuford stated that the Committee generally agreed that title protection would not be a negative change and that it would be beneficial to go back to title protection for the time being.

Ms. Mason requested to see the minimum job qualifications for the positions in which the title of social worker is used, or social work services are preformed. Although the definition of social work is broad, it is a general definition. Dr. Franklin advised the Committee that she would be happy to assist agencies in reviewing the minimum qualifications in order to determine if social work is being performed.

Mr. Hosterman voiced his concerns regarding the removal of the state exemption within the Department of Correction.

Ms. Kelly advised the Committee that it is not the Board's function or scope to review and revise job titles and classifications. The Board is mandated to protect the public, and the ultimate decision regarding the proposed draft will be made by the Board. Lastly, Ms. Kelly advised the Committee that an MOU may not be beneficial at this time, as she has never heard of the State entering into an MOU.

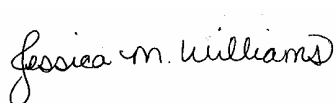
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on July 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Shuford, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners